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GREAT SALT LAKE WATER QUALITY STEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes – August 18, 2004

The first meeting of the Great Salt Lake Water Quality Steering Committee was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, 3:00 p.m., at the Cannon Health Building, Room 114, Salt Lake City, Utah. Walt Baker, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order and provided a brief summary of Great Salt Lake water quality standards and the formation of the Steering Committee.

The Committee members were present and provided brief introductions [See attached list of members.]

Doug Bacon, Utah DEQ, provided an overview of the Southwest Jordan Valley Natural Resource Damage Claim, a project that has focus attention on water quality of the Lake and associated wetlands over the last year.

The Committee discussed and agreed to accept the organization chart proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee. The organization chart is attached.

Kelly Payne led a review of the proposed Steering Committee Purpose and Objectives Statement. The Purpose and Objectives were modified and accepted. A copy is attached.

Consensus-based decision-making will be utilized by the Committee. At a future meeting, the Committee will have a facilitated discussion to establish what that means in terms of reaching consensus and reaching decisions when there is no consensus.

The Committee reached the following decisions regarding operations:

- A discussion of the membership of the Steering Committee included a discussion with Jeff Salt about adding a Watershed Council representative; additional information on Watershed Councils will be provided to Walt Baker. It was decided that recreational interests were already appropriately represented on the Committee.
- Meetings will be on Tuesdays, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Cannon Health Building.
- Each committee member will designate an alternate, who will attend if the member is unable to do so. Members were asked to bring their named alternate to the next meeting.
- Stakeholders will be encouraged to attend Steering Committee meetings and will have the opportunity to provide comments during the meeting.
- DEQ will prepare a draft Public Outreach Plan, which will be presented for discussion at a future meeting.

At a future meeting, the Steering Committee will select a Science Panel. A Working Group, consisting of Maunsel Pearce, Kelly Payne, Bruce Waddell, Richard Bay, and William Moellmer, was established to work on guidelines for the establishment of the Science Panel and provide recommendations for members. The Steering Committee will

discuss the general composition and the work of the Science Panel and potential members at its next meeting.

A presentation on Federal and State site-specific standards development will be schedule for a future meeting.

The proposed Process Chart for establishing a selenium standard was discussed; a revised chart will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Potential funding sources identified by stakeholders included:

- The Headwaters Initiative, a proposal by Montana, Colorado and Utah to provide funding in the FY05 budgets of the US EPA and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for \$2.5 million to be made available through a grant process to Watershed Councils in those states.
- Water Resource Development Act, authorizing legislation proposed by Colorado to provide funding for selenium studies in Colorado; discussed the potential of extending to Utah.
- DWQ has requested a \$15,000 grant from EPA Region VIII to cover a round robin sampling program for the Lake.

Next meetings of the Steering Committee:

Tuesday, August 31, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Cannon Health Building

Tuesday, September 21, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.